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a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

System and Method for Optimizing Sourcing Opportunity Utilization Policies

the specification of which was filed July 17, 2003 and allocated serial number 10/621,726.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Applications:

None

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